BASHH elections
There are a number of posts available for election to the BASHH board and clinical governance committee (CGC) from January 2016-18. BASHH relies on individuals volunteering for these posts so please consider standing for election.
Nominations should be submitted to BASHH by 26 October 2016
For further details click here for link to the BASHH website.

BASHH membership cards
Shortly your BASHH membership card will be sent to your registered address. In future BASHH members will be able to log their attendance at BASHH educational meetings electronically using these cards. Non BASHH members and members who forget their cards will be able to sign in at meetings although only those presenting cards at registration will be automatically registered for CPD and be sent a certificate of attendance.
Please log in to the BASHH website to check your postal address and other details are up to date. Click here

Payments at BASHH events
In order to ensure that all payments for BASHH events are received, future payments to attend BASHH events will be taken at the point of registration.
It will not longer be possible to request an invoice to be sent. This will mean that when attending an event paid for directly by your organisation delegates will have to apply for funding in advance of registration. Electronic receipts for payment will be available immediately after payment.

Nurse and Health Advisor Education/Training/update
We need to update our Health Advisor/Nurse Education page. With the recent integration of Sexual Health Services and the introduction of Revalidation for Nurses, I think it would be helpful to share information about courses and strategies to keep us up to date. Would an online BASHH forum be useful? Please email, text or ring me with your ideas.
Kate Day k.day@nhs.net; 07831 127192
Nurse Rep to the Board
BASHH News

High level azithromycin resistant gonorrhoea in the north of England

The Sexually Transmitted Bacteria Reference Unit (STBRU) at Public Health England (PHE) has recently detected an outbreak of high level azithromycin resistant gonorrhoea in northern England. The outbreak was first detected in Leeds in March 2015 and now appears to have spread to neighbouring areas in the north of England. Eleven cases have been reported in the Leeds outbreak, and since then a further four cases have been detected in patients from Macclesfield, Oldham and Scunthorpe. Some of the cases have reported partners from other parts of England. All cases to date have been in heterosexual patients. An outbreak control team meeting has been convened and STBRU are currently performing next generation sequencing on these strains to better understand the molecular epidemiology.

Reports to the STBRU reference service of cases with high level azithromycin resistance have previously been rare. PHE is concerned that the effectiveness of current front-line dual therapy for gonorrhoea will be threatened if this resistant strain continues to spread unchecked. We will be issuing an alert to microbiologists through our regional microbiology network to raise awareness and encourage reporting of high level azithromycin resistant strains to STBRU for confirmation. We would like to highlight to clinicians that if a strain of high level azithromycin resistant gonorrhoea is detected in one of their patients that they should make particularly rigorous efforts to ensure patients are followed up and receive a test of cure (TOC) and that all their partners are contacted, tested and, where necessary, treated and followed up for TOC. Clinicians should be especially vigilant to potential treatment failure in their patients and report any cases where this is suspected through the treatment failure reporting form available on the HIV & STI web portal https://www.hpawebservices.org.uk/HIV_STI_WebPortal/Login.aspx or the PHE gonorrhoea treatment failure webpage https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reporting-gonorrhoea-treatment-failure

For further information please contact Dr Helen Fifer (helen.fifer@phe.gov.uk), Dr Gwenda Hughes Gwen-da.hughes@phe.gov.uk or grasp.enquiries@phe.gov.uk at PHE.

Draft revised UK guideline on PEPSE

A draft of the revised version of the guideline on PEPSE is now available on the guidelines web page of the BASHH website. Any comments on its content would be welcome and should be sent to Keith Radcliffe at Keith.Radcliffe@uhb.nhs.uk no later than Friday 30 October 2015.

Dr Keith Radcliffe, Chair, Clinical Effectiveness Group

Call for lead author on update to the BASHH Clinical Effectiveness Group Guidelines on the management of Epididymo-orchitis (2010)

The BASHH Clinical Effectiveness Group is looking for a lead author on an upcoming revision of the BASHH Clinical Guidelines for the Management of Epididymo-orchitis (2010). Applicants should be experienced clinicians in GU medicine.

Interested applicants should email a 150-200 word application outlining their clinical expertise in this area and their reasons for applying to Michael Rayment (michaelrayment@nhs.net) by 15th November 2015.

BASHH Undergraduate Prizes

We would like to draw your attention to the BASHH Undergraduate essay prize. This is open to all undergraduate students in the UK with a closing deadline of the 31st January 2016.

The BASHH Undergraduate Prize will be judged as two separate awards. The BASHH Undergraduate Research Prize (for original research) and the BASHH Undergraduate Clinical Prize (for clinical audit, service evaluation, systematic reviews, literature reviews or case reports).

Click here for further details - http://www.bashh.org/BASHH/Education/BASHH_Prizes_and_Awards/BASHH_Undergraduate_Prize.aspx

National HIV Testing Week (NHTW) 2015

HIV Prevention England (HPE) invites you, once again, to get involved and support this year’s National HIV Testing Week (NHTW) which starts 21 November 2015. It is a national effort to increase HIV testing among England’s key populations most affected by HIV. Clinicians, commissioners, local authorities and community organisations are all central to this success and have an incredibly important role in promoting local testing events and ensuring that access to testing is available to all who wish to test during the event. For further information and to download the briefings for what you can do to support NHTW 2015 and to get free NHTW resources please go to: www.hivpreventionengland.org.uk/Resources/National-HIV-Testing-Week

The clinicians’ briefing can be viewed directly at: www.hivpreventionengland.org.uk/~media/Files/HPE/NHTW 2015 clinician briefing (Sept 2015).pdf
BASHH Training

Physician Leadership and Management Skills Workshop: A Co-learning Event for Consultants and Senior Trainees at the Kings Fund, presented by the St Stephens AIDS Trust

Following on from the highly lauded EAGLES and KESTRELS programs, St Stephens AIDS Trust are delighted to present a follow-on course in medical leadership for consultants and senior trainees, in association with the Kings Fund and supported by an unrestricted educational grant from Viiv. Two parallel workshops will run, in addition to co-learning sessions and social events for both groups throughout the program. With speakers from a convened faculty plus the Kings Fund, topics will include research and innovation, NHS structures, commissioning, tendering and competition, and physician leadership. The course is free to attend but subject to selective entry, and places are strictly limited. The venue is the Kings Fund, Cavendish Square, London. Accommodation is provided for those living outside London and travel expenses will be covered. The trainee programme is aimed at ST5/6 doctors, and will run from 9th-10th December 2015. The consultant program will run from 10th-11th December 2015, and will be suitable for consultants at any career stage who are now entering into leadership roles. For a copy of the program and an application form, please email linda.connor@chelwest.nhs.uk before 14th October 2015.

2nd European HRA Course
Following the success of last year’s European High Resolution Anoscopy Course, we are holding the 2nd HERA course during the 15th and 16th October this year. For more details please look in at: http://www.anoscopycourse.eu . You may register using the website or contact us on 02085105940 (Kym Swan).

Joint BASHH/BHIVA one day Diploma in HIV Medicine update
This course has been developed by both BASHH and BHIVA to help prepare candidates for this important examination.

The next course will be on 01 Feb 2016 at Manchester Royal Infirmary.

On-line registration is now available via BASHH website. Click here

ABC of Sexual Dysfunction - Manchester Conference Centre—Thursday 15 October 2015
This popular education meeting offers an introduction to the latest information on the assessment and management of common sexual problems but is useful to update and refresh current practice. Educational content is relevant to doctors, nurses, health advisers, psychologists, sex and relationship therapists and professionals with an interest in this dynamic field.

Click here for further information.

Mentoring skills training for Sexual Health / HIV Consultants and SAS doctors
The BASHH/ BHIVA Mentoring Group are running a one-day workshop in central London on Friday 27th November to equip doctors working in sexual health / HIV with the knowledge and skills to take on a mentoring role to other doctors. It will also be a useful update for doctors already in mentoring roles wishing to refresh their knowledge and skills.
There will be an opportunity to explore the roles of both mentors and mentees and to discuss ideas and models that you will be able to put into immediate practice.

Time: 10:00 - 16:00 - Registration from 09:30

The cost is £95.

To register, please click here or go to the BASHH website, BASHH Training Courses and Meetings

SAVE THE DATE! The 2016 BASHH HIV Masterclass will be held in Manchester on Thursday 16th and Friday 11th March. The programme is being finalised this month – please contact Laura Waters (lwaters@nhs.net) with topic suggestions!

British Infection Association—9th HIV Dilemmas—Friday 29th January 2016
Manchester Conference Centre, 78 Sackville Street, Manchester, M1 3NJ
A mixture of difficult and challenging cases are drawn from real life, all presented by experts using interactive keypad voting throughout. Suitable for consultants and trainees from all specialities who look after people with HIV.

Click here for further information
More BASHH Training

**STIF Competency Train the Trainer Events 2015/2016**

Two STIF Competency Train the Trainer workshops are being held:

1. **Birmingham:** Tuesday 24 November 2015 from 13.30 to 17.00 at The Studio (near Birmingham New Street train Station)
2. **London:** Friday 18 March 2016 from 09.45 - 13.00 at King’s Fund, Cavendish Square, London

CPD approval pending. Registration: £65.00. Registration is online: by [clicking here](#).

**STIF Intermediate Competency: NEW competencies**

Additional competencies have been added to the STIF Intermediate Competency programme. These will take effect for all new STIF Intermediate trainees registering on or after 7 September 2015. FGM will be assessed by CBD and a new CEX will be introduced for Safeguarding with the addition of corresponding e-learning sessions. New training materials, covering the new competency set, will be available for download from the STIF web site using passwords previously provided.

**STIF Foundation**

**Web-based knowledge assessment** or e-KA which is at [http://www.stif-eka.org/](http://www.stif-eka.org/). This is a recommended assessment which should be carried out by STIF participants after completing the e-learning (and/or after attending a STIF course). Candidates have to answer 25 questions (randomly drawn from the bank of questions) in 40 minutes. They are in ‘best of 5’ format. The cost is £25 per attempt. Although this is not compulsory, we strongly encourage all STIF Course delegates to attempt this assessment.

**2nd BASHH Oxford Diagnostics Course - 17th of November, Oxford**

The BASHH Diagnostic Courses are aimed at specialists who wish to learn about and discuss the upcoming diagnostic approaches to common problems in GUM. The program is a mixture of state of the art presentations and facilitated discussions on impact and place of new technologies. This year there is a special focus on demand management and effective resource allocation.

Delegates will need to register at bashoxford2015@gmail.com. The full program is available on the BASHH website—[click here](#). Generous unrestricted educational grant support from BD covers registration fees and catering.

**Joint BASHH and FSRH Meeting 2016 – Tradition, Innovation and Integration**

Bookings are now open for the Joint BASHH and FSRH meeting, taking place on Friday 15th January 2016 at the Royal Society of Medicine, London.

Welcome to the 11th Annual Joint BASHH and Faculty conference

Integration of sexual health services across the UK means that it is more important than ever to reflect on our traditional values, make sure we continue to innovate all aspects of our services to ensure the best care for patients. BASHH and the FSRH are delighted to announce the 11th joint conference at the Royal Society of Medicine bringing together the best of sexual health and contraception. This meeting will be one of the first opportunities to review the updated UKMEC guidelines. We continue our tradition at this meeting to involve existing experts and emerging specialists across the field.

We hope that you are able to use this meeting to network, learn and be inspired in the challenging clinical world we work in.

[Click here to book and view the full programme](#).
Help wanted

Cross-sectional survey to explore the provision of HIV prevention and testing services for older adults at GP practices and sexual health/HIV clinics

Participants required for research study to explore the acceptability and accessibility of HIV prevention and testing services at sexual health/HIV clinics to older adults

You are invited to take part in a research survey, funded by the University of York, to explore the acceptability and accessibility of HIV services to older adults.

Participants will be asked to complete an anonymous online survey, which will take approximately 10 minutes to finish.

Eligible participants include: sexual health/HIV consultants; sexual health/HIV registrars; SAS doctors in sexual health/HIV; sexual health/HIV nurse practitioners; sexual health/HIV specialist nurses. Participants must be working in England.

If you are interested in participating, please open the following link for further study information and to access the online questionnaire:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/hcpsworkinginsexualhealth

Further contact details:
Sadie Bell (Chief Investigator – Health Sciences PhD student, University of York). Email: slb521@york.ac.uk

Call for new members for the Bacterial Special Interest Group

The Bacterial Special Interest Group are inviting applications for membership from epidemiologists and nurses with a special interest in STIs. Applications should include a short CV (2 pages) accompanied by a letter expressing your reasons for applying and skills you feel you will bring to the group and should be submitted to the BASHH secretariat by end of November 2015 at admin@bashh.org.

BASHH MSM Special Interest Group survey of clinical practice in the sexual health of MSM

Please take the time to complete this survey from the BASHH MSM SIG if you have not already done so.

We're surveying practice in the care of MSM across the UK. We are aware of a number of areas of practice in which evidence is absent or guidance varies.

None of the questions imply any expected or required service standard.

To make it quick, and avoid frustration, you can miss questions and continue the questionnaire - but please answer all of them if you can. Click on the link to start: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BASHHMSMSIG

Has the tendering process had any impact on your training? A Survey for trainees and consultants appointed within the past 5 years.

Trainee Collaborative for Research, Audit and Quality Improvement Projects. (T-CARQ)

T-CARQ is a new sub-group of BASHH ‘Doctors in Training’ that aims to provide a forum where GUM trainees can design, lead and implement multi-centre research, audit and quality improvement projects. This collaborative is led by trainees for trainees.

Our first project is a survey assessing the impact of tendering on trainees. This can be completed by all GUM trainees, recently appointed consultants who went through this process as trainees and LAS doctors. If you have not completed this please do so by clicking on the following link https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TCARQtendering

For further information about T-CARQ visit the Doctors in training page on the BASHH website by clicking here or alternatively email T-CARQ@bashh.org. Please follow and contact us on twitter for updates @BASHH_TCARQ
More Help wanted

BASHH Media Group developments

Fellows & Members may be interested in some of the recent coverage of the high level Azithromycin-resistant gonorrhoea outbreak around Leeds:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-34269315
http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p032twfm

These stories sometimes generate insightful secondary commentary which is strongly supportive of the BASHH position:

http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/sep/20/nhs-drug-resistant-gonorrhoea-antibiotic-health

Raising the national profile of BASHH is one of the main functions of the Media Group which now wishes to attract new members – particularly those with social media skills and/or html fluency. We will shortly seek a new chair for the Group and any interested colleagues are welcome to contact the current Chair.

Mr Peter Greenhouse, Media Group Chair: peter.greenhouse@nhs.net

Public Panel Update

As the new chair of the public panel, I would like to begin by thanking Dr Jan Clarke for her work over the years establishing the panel and making it what it is today. It really wouldn’t exist without her.

There is now an expectation that patients will be involved in shaping the services and care that they receive. The work of our public panel, therefore, has never been more important.

We are always looking for new panel members. If you know of any interested patients or acquaintances, please put them in touch (note new public panel email address—publicpanel@bashh.org).

Dr Craig Tipple, PP Chair

BASHH Sexual Violence Group

The BASHH Sexual Violence Group ( subgroup of ASIG) is looking for enthusiastic new members who will contribute to our current projects. We are particularly keen to recruit trainees, nurses, specialty doctors and health advisors.

The group’s aims are

· To review services, training and standards within sexual health services, with regards to the management of patients disclosing sexual violence
· To promote and improve education and training in sexual violence
· To raise the profile of sexual violence by carrying out research and submitting work for publication

If you are interested please contact the group Chair at rachel.sacks@imperial.nhs.uk with a short précis of your interest and experience.

In March 2015, BASHH, BHIVA, MEDFASH and PHE began a one-year feasibility study, exploring and evaluating the design of a future national clinical audit of STIs and HIV services in England and Wales.

The study aims to:

· prioritise specific aspects of care for inclusion in an audit;
· identify quality measures and standards;
· define the scope for an achievable and impactful audit.

To learn more about this study, click here.

To complete a short survey to give feedback on the aspects of care shortlisted for audit, and barriers to and facilitators of quality improvement, click here (deadline 30th October 2015).
DIARY DATES

ABC of Sexual Dysfunction (Hosted by the BASHH Sexual Dysfunction Special Interest Group) Thursday 15th October 2015—Manchester Conference Centre click here

High-Resolution Anoscopy Course, London 2015 Homerton Hospital, London Thursday and Friday 15th and 16th October 2015. click here

5th BASHH Genital Dermatology Course 2015 - Friday 16th October Royal College of Nursing, 20 Cavendish Square, London W1G 0RN click here

HIV & Ageing - 3rd national conference at the RSM in London 16 October 2015—click here

1st HIV Forum: Integrate Inhibitors - 20 October 2015, Barcelona, Spain click here

17th International Workshop on Co-morbidities and Adverse Drug Reaction in HIV 20-22 October 2015—Barcelona, Spain click here


Microscopy course for STI’s—24 October 2015 Imperial College London click here for details

The Sexual Consequences of Cancer & Its Treatment: An Integrated Model of Care for Individuals and Couples on Friday 30th October 2015 click here

BASHH MSM SIG 2nd Biennial Conference –‘Sex, Life and MMS’ Friday 30 October Aston University Campus, Birmingham click here

British menopause Society’s patient arm Women’s Health Concern 25th Annual Symposium 2015—Wednesday 4 November 2015 in London NW1 4RG click here

STIF Competency LEVEL1 Assessment 7 November — St Mary’s Hospital, Paddington, London click here

BHIVA Autumn Conference including CHIVA Parallel Sessions 2015 12-13 November 2015 Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London click here

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The deadlines for newsletters in 2015 25 November